

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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PROTECTION TO RURAL INDUSTRIES
ANANTRAO GUDHE

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provide protection to rural industries from the invasion of foreign industrialists;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government are taking steps from closure of rural industries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

- (a): Yes, Sir. There is an equity cap of 24% for foreign direct investment.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): For the promotion of Small Scale and Agro Industries in the rural areas, the Government is implementing various schemes/programmes viz. the Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Schemes, the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and the National Programme for Rural Industrialisation (NPRI) etc. The Government also provides financial assistance to rural industries in the form of rebate, grants, subsidy and loan. Besides excise duty relief is available based on the turnover.